

Decrease in U.S. Mushroom Sales

U.S. mushroom sales totaled 843 million pounds in 2005-06, down 1 percent from the previous season. The average price was \$1.05 per pound, a decrease of 2 cents from 2004-05. Value of sales for the crop was \$881 million, a drop from \$909 million last season. The 2005-06 mushroom season runs from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Value of sales for U.S. Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$841 million in 2005-06. The average price was \$1.01, down 2 cents from 2004-05. Producers were able to sell 830 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, with 84 percent sold for fresh market.

Growers in the Central region (Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin) sold 82.6 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, down 2 percent from 2004-05. The regional price averaged \$1.50 per pound, the highest in the country. Value of sales for the Central region were \$124 million, compared to \$122 million in 2004-05 and \$155 million in 2003-04.

Shiitake, Oyster, and other specialty mushroom sales in the U.S. totaled \$41 million, a decrease of 13 percent from the 2004-05 season. The average price was at \$3.01 per pound, down 8 cents. Producers sold 7.76 million pounds of Shiitake mushrooms, a drop of 10 percent. Oyster mushroom sales declined 11 percent to 4.56 million pounds.

Mushroom Production, United States

Variety	Volume of sales		Value of sales	
	2004-2005	2005-2006	2004-2005	2005-2006
	1,000 pounds		1,000 dollars	
Agaricus	838,083	829,847	862,192	840,709
Shiitake	8,613	7,761	28,005	25,151
Oyster	5,128	4,563	12,035	9,809
Other	1,327	1,188	6,501	5,760
Total	853,151	843,359	908,733	881,429

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.